

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

*A Roman Catholic Faith Community*

*Armitage & Kenmore Avenues*

*Chicago, IL 60614*



## February 12, 2017

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Faith & Spirit. *Alive*



What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,  
and what has not entered the human heart,  
what God has prepared for those who love Him,  
this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

— 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

# Stewardship

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## Upcoming Stewardship Opportunities

- Host hospitality after 9:00 am Mass: Hosts needed in April, May & June. Sign up at [signup.com/go/BnYEHC](http://signup.com/go/BnYEHC)
- Host or attend a Bible Study: Begins March 5<sup>th</sup>. Groups are forming. Email [jackiekoesters@gmail.com](mailto:jackiekoesters@gmail.com) for details.
- Attend the Time of Your Life Gala kickoff planning party: Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Time and location TBD. For Details, Email Rebecca at [robrien@stteresaparish.org](mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org)
- Join the Welcoming Committee: Are you interested in greeting people on Sunday's, hosting a hospitality, giving tours of the church or helping with new member dinners? Email [kmkutz@gmail.com](mailto:kmkutz@gmail.com) for details.
- Loaves & Fishes dinner: Fridays, 3:30-6:30pm, or socialize during dinner from 5pm-6pm. Register [signup.com/go/NUtfbV](http://signup.com/go/NUtfbV).
- Food Pantry: Saturdays, 9am-12noon. Sign up at [signup.com/go/nLVPbN](http://signup.com/go/nLVPbN)
- Night Ministry: Every other Wednesday. Bake cookies, cook a meal, or serve on the streets. Sign up at [signup.com/go/gxXR2u](http://signup.com/go/gxXR2u).
- Sign up for automated Sunday Giving: Your support enables our mission. Get started at [givecentral.org](http://givecentral.org).



## Refugee Ministry Update!

Our Parish is standing together with refugees who have come to Chicago seeking a new life. To help them, we are working with Catholic Charities to find employers willing to hire them. Many need entry level jobs as they improve their English and get acclimated. Many others have well developed skills they would like to put to use. They are all eager to work and contribute to their new country.

We are currently looking for the following positions :

- Janitorial
- Construction and General Labor
- Tiling/Flooring
- Painting
- Driving
- Retail

If you think you may have an opening, please call or e-mail me to arrange an interview. If you have, or know of, any **other opening**, please let us know. We will try to match your position with one of the refugees.

Pat Murray (312) 388-9112 [patrickfmurray@mac.com](mailto:patrickfmurray@mac.com)

Donations to the refugee fund can be made at: [givecentral.org/location/209/10945](http://givecentral.org/location/209/10945).

## Looking for Stories

Do you have a story to tell that involves Stewardship? Has volunteering your time, or donating to a cause changed you in some way? How has volunteering helped you connect with your church, or experience a deeper connection with God? Can you share your story to inspire others?

Share your story!

Email [robrien@stteresaparish.net](mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.net)

Visit [st-teresa.net/volunteer](http://st-teresa.net/volunteer) to browse and sign up for a selection of recurring volunteer opportunities.

**Most  
Wanted  
Volunteers**

**Bible Study Leaders  
or Hosts**

**Refugee Mentors**

**Greeters**

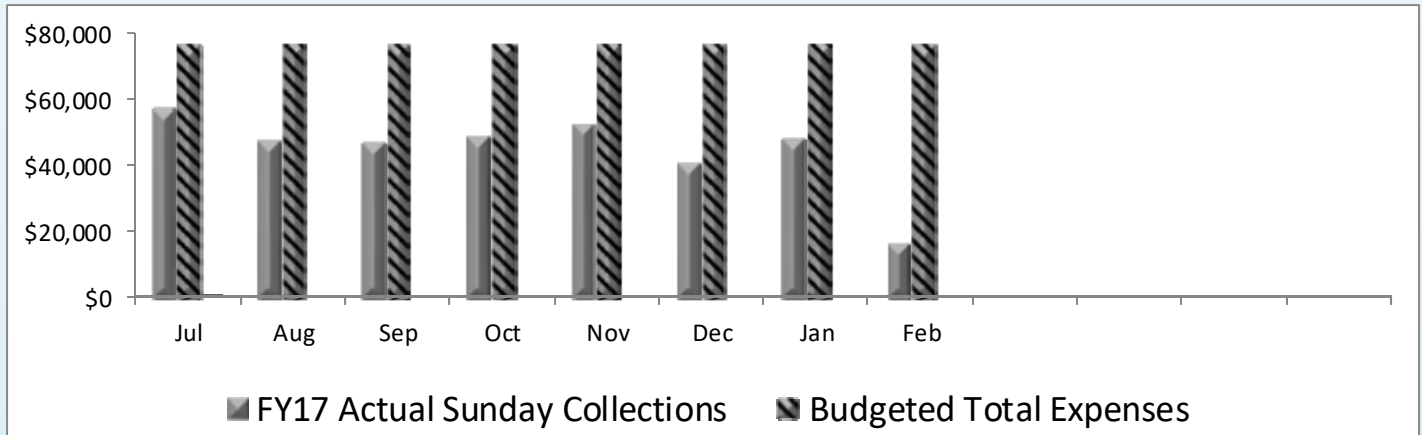
Interested in volunteering? Contact Rebecca at [robrien@stteresaparish.org](mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org) or (773) 528-6650

# Financial Stewardship

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## Fiscal Year (07/1 - 6/30) Comparison to Date



- In the graph above you will see that we have not yet met our budgeted expenses with our Sunday collections. We are on budget with our total income versus expense. Total income includes Sunday, Christmas and Easter collections, fundraising and miscellaneous donations.
- Our goal is to fund all operations and expenses from the weekly collections.
- St. Teresa's annual fundraisers assist in meeting funding gaps. It is the goal of the Finance Council and Fr. Frank to increase weekly giving to meet ongoing expenses and to use the proceeds from fundraisers for special initiatives and outreach programs.
- This year, the Christmas Collection was \$33,580; the Greenery sale netted \$1,511; Cuisine du Coeur netted
- Please contact our Business Manager, Maggie Fernandez, with any questions at [mfernandez@stteresaparish.org](mailto:mfernandez@stteresaparish.org), or Matt Donner, our Finance Council chair, at [mddonner19199@gmail.com](mailto:mddonner19199@gmail.com).

## Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Advent Weekend Count: 2-5-17

Average Daily Mass Attendance	7
Average Friday Communion Service	3
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance	100
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)	60
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance	225
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)	40
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance	135
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance	40
<b>Total Weekend Mass Attendance</b>	<b>600</b>
Confessions this Week	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	1
Funerals since January 2017	0
Weddings since January 2017	1
Infant Baptisms since January 2017	3



There are 351 parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago; only 55 parishes have weekend attendance that exceeds 2,000. St. Teresa of Avila's 2016 October Count averaged 550 people attending weekend Masses; the 2017 January Count averaged 489 people a weekend. In the Archdiocese there is 1 priest for every 1,525 parishioners; in the USA the ratio is 1:1,653 Catholics; 27 percent of US parishes do not have a resident priest. In comparison, South America has a ratio of 1:7,094 Catholics.

# Parish Calendar

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## #prayforpeace

Let us pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the city of Chicago between February 1st and 8th.

✠ Marcus Cameron  
✠ Carlos Fitz  
✠ Willie Woodus

✠ Clavonte Eubanks  
✠ Geovani Mexicano

## Calendar at a Glance

### Sunday, February 12

- 10:00 am, Church, Baptism Preparation
- 10:20 am, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

### Monday, February 13

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 7:00 pm, PC, Parish Council

### Tuesday, February 14

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, Church, Lectio Divina
- 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm, REC, SPRED Preparation

### Wednesday, February 15

- 6:30 pm, PC-Church, Lector Training

### Thursday, February 16

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery
- 6:30 pm, PC, Stewardship

### Friday, February 17

- 10:00 am, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 5:00 pm, PC, Loaves and Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

### Saturday, February 18

- 10:00 am, PC-GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 2:30 pm, Church, Blair-Geiger Wedding
- 4:30 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis

### Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day  
**Tuesday:** Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day  
**Friday:** The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites  
**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

- Domingo:** Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Día Mundial del Matrimonio  
**Martes:** Santos Cirilo y Metodio; Día de San Valentín  
**Viernes:** Los Siete Fundadores de la Orden de los Siervos de María  
**Sábado:** Santa María Virgen

### February 2017 Food Pantry Schedule

#### Saturday, February 4

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

#### Saturday, February 11

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

#### Saturday, February 18

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

#### Saturday, February 25

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution



The Religious Ed Center (REC) is located at 1940 N. Kenmore Ave., one block south of the Parish Center (PC) at 1950 N. Kenmore. The Gathering Space (GS) is the entrance area to the PC at Kenmore Avenue.

# Mass Schedule & Intentions

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## Mass Intentions

## Let Us Pray

### Saturday, February 11

5:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

### Sunday, February 12

9:00 am Barbara Rynes  
12:00 pm Randy W. Palmisano  
6:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

Our **Mass Intentions** have many openings. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone alive or deceased, contact Deacon Dean at the parish office at (773) 528-6650 or [dvaeth@stteresaparish.org](mailto:dvaeth@stteresaparish.org)

In order to be added to our prayer list, a member of the immediate family should request that a person's name be added. We list the names of the deceased parishioners and friends for six months.

### Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

Rodolfo Bech, Barbara Byrd, Dolores Berendsen, Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Shaun Cantrell, Jerica Elaine Harris, Dorothy Holdsworth, Fred Jabaley, Andrzej Jastrzebski, Joseph Kamalick, Rev. Oscar Lukefahr, CM, Anthony Mastro, Angel Luis Neris, Carmela Nurmi, John and Margaret O'Neill, Robert Rooney, Bridie Ryan, Rev. David Stagaman, SJ, John Wagner, Victims of War & Domestic Violence

### Let us also pray for those who are ill, especially...

Alicia Anderson  
Dorothy Barns  
Berta Billalvazo  
Elizabeth Ryan Dean  
Michael De Blasis  
Kathy Derrick  
Kim Duffy  
Isabelle Eiffert  
Jackson Fineske & Family  
Alice Flynn  
Padraig Gallagher  
Eloisa Gallegos  
Michael Gibbons  
Angela Goldberg  
Kaylee Gommel  
Bolívar Gonzales, Jr.  
Les Gordon  
Mrs. Grabarczyk  
George Halloran  
Kellar Harris  
Peg Hausen  
David Hoffman  
David Ivanac  
Chuck Jabaley

Ronald Jakubec  
Krista Kutz  
Tom Kinsella  
Liz Kunkel  
Betty LaCour  
Carmen D. Lorenzana  
Gabriel Lozada  
Palmira Mancini  
George Maroquin  
Jose Maroquin  
Lisa Marquez  
Margaret Sue Meadors  
Daniel Meyer  
Bill Mobley  
John Monier  
Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M.  
Elda Myers  
John Paul Nelson  
Angel Nieves  
Msgr. Kevin O'Neill  
Frank O'Toole  
Clayton Poe  
Carol Poyner  
Marie Koesters-Ranley

Deacon Hector Rivera  
Hector J. Rivera  
Luis Rivera  
Pedro Rodriguez  
Ray Romero  
Jeffrey Roscoe  
Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD  
Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD  
Jack Schank  
Will Sullivan  
Laura Szejka  
Mima Tome  
JoAnn Jahnke Trainer  
Marianne Usiak  
Sara Vega  
Susan Violapiano  
Jack Williams  
Valerie Williams  
Mae Witry  
David Zeunert  
Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse

## Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	Celebrant	Sacristan/ Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
2-18-17	5:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Luke Kolman	Jennifer Barrett	Lisa Marquez Minister Needed (C2)
Next French Mass 2-18-17	6:30 PM	TBA			
2-19-17	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Peggy Teterycz	Minister Needed (H2) Barb Schell Geneva Gorgo	Kevin Ludden Theresa Jabaley Rose Ohiku Jamie Lutkus
Next Spanish Mass 3-5-17	10:30 AM	Rev. Jose Garcia, CM	Alejandro Lopez		
2-19-17	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Raquel Bech	Mike Usiak	Becky Francis Aice Morales-Villenas
2-19-17	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Mary Serrahn	Laura King Cara Gannon	Dani Shane Sara Hock Ellen Moiani Margaret Burke



# Readings/Lecturas

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## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13  
**Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21  
**Wednesday:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26  
**Thursday:** Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33  
**Friday:** Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1  
**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13  
**Sunday:** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

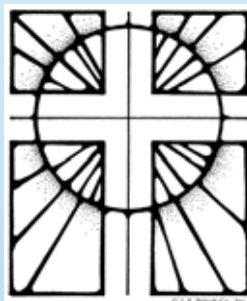
## Lecturas de la Semana

**Lunes:** Gn 4:1-15, 25; Sal 50 (49):1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mc 8:11-13  
**Martes:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Sal 29 (28):1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mc 8:14-21  
**Miércoles:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Sal 116 (116):12-15, 18-19; Mc 8:22-26  
**Jueves:** Gn 9:1-13; Sal 102 (101):16-21, 29, 22-23; Mc 8:27-33  
**Viernes:** Gn 11:1-9; Sal 33 (32):10-15; Mc 8:34 — 9:1  
**Sábado:** Heb 11:1-7; Sal 145 (144):2-5, 10-11; Mc 9:2-13  
**Domingo:** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

## Treasures from Tradition

By the early '50s some scholars were calling for the restoration of Communion of the faithful on Good Friday, since by then only a priest received, consuming the host from the Holy Thursday repository. In 1955 the new Good Friday liturgy was timed to begin at three o'clock everywhere, and included the option of Holy Communion, but without the Precious Blood that had originally been part of the liturgy. Today, there is increasing debate among theologians. Some feel that it would be better to fast from the Eucharist on Good Friday, focusing on the mystery of the cross and highlighting the Easter Communion. Others say that this Communion infuses the sadness of the day with awareness of Christ's victory. It is not a day of mourning, of course, and the Passion according to John grounds the liturgy in a sense of Christ's victory over death and the triumph of the cross. The tradition is rich and varied, and we are still in the early stages of recovering an ancient way of doing things.

Why do we call the day "good?" The English and Dutch languages share this name, and its origin stems from the name "God's Friday." The traditional name for the day in Latin is *Feria VI in Parasceve*, which translates as "The Sixth Day of the Week of Preparation." Other languages make do with "Holy Friday." In another part of England, as in Denmark, the people used to call it "Long Friday," a good description for a quiet day without work and no chance for play or a good meal! — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



El siglo pasado en la década de los 70s, un joven mexicano cruzaba el desierto fronterizo entre México y Estados Unidos. Un sacerdote lo encontró y se ofreció a cruzarlo en su camioneta a Estados Unidos. El sacerdote le dijo que si regresaba a su tierra lo estaría esperando en Santa Ana de Guadalupe, un pequeño rancho cerca de Jalostotitlán, en la región de Los Altos de Jalisco, México.

Con el tiempo, el joven regresó a México y fue en busca de su buen samaritano. Preguntando por él, la gente del pueblo lo llevó a una capilla donde se sorprendió al ver la foto de su bienhechor en la tumba de santo Toribio Romo.

Muchos inmigrantes que relatan lo mismo acerca de un sacerdote o buen samaritano que rescata indocumentados en el desierto, alimentándolos, llevándolos a Estados Unidos, incluso, diciéndoles dónde encontrar trabajo.

En 1928, Toribio Romo fue asesinado a la edad de 28 años durante "La Cristiana" (1926–1929). Este joven sacerdote murió a manos de un gobierno cruel que no sabía respetar los derechos humanos. Ahora como santo se dedica a ayudar a los pobres que sufren a causa de leyes migratorias que tampoco respetan los derechos humanos. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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## Choice

“If you choose you can keep the commandments,” Sirach tells us. God “has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand” (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today’s reading from Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



## Tú Decides

“Si tú lo quieres, puedes guardar los mandamientos”, nos dice Eclesiástico (Sirácide). Dios “ha puesto delante de ti fuego y agua; extiende la mano a lo que quieras” (Eclo 15:15, 16). Este es un gran misterio: Dios no nos controla tan completamente que no podemos elegir nuestro propio camino. Es cierto que tenemos límites, pero nadie sino nosotros mismos podemos elegir el camino dentro de esos límites.

En la lectura de hoy del Evangelio según san Mateo, Jesús nos recuerda que somos libres y responsables de nuestra vida. Nos llama a ir más allá de las palabras de los mandamientos para considerar su significado. Si vas más allá del adulterio verás el egoísmo que envenena nuestro amor. Si vas más allá del asesinato verás la ira que corroe nuestra compasión. Si vas más allá del falso testimonio (perjurio) verás las mentiras y engaños que producen este comportamiento.

Nuestra vocación es elegir la vida para nosotros mismos, y tomar un camino a través de nuestro mundo que haga la vida posible y más abundante para otros también. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## Today’s Readings

**First Reading** — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

**Psalms** — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

**Second Reading** — God’s wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

**Gospel** — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).



## Lecturas de Hoy

**Primera lectura** — Dios nos permite tomar decisiones, pero no debemos optar por la injusticia o el pecado (Sirácide 15:16-21).

**Salmo** — Dichosos los que caminan en la voluntad del Señor (Salmo 119 [118]).

**Segunda lectura** — La sabiduría de Dios es misteriosa y escondida (1 Corintios 2:6-10).

**Evangelio** — Jesús no ha venido a abolir la ley ni los profetas, sino a darles plenitud (Mateo 5:17-37).

# Parish Life

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## Join the 6:00 pm Mass Choir!

Do you like to sing church music? You're invited to join other parishioners once a month to sing as a choir at 6:00 pm Mass.



This is a friendly group that has no weekly rehearsals, no robes, no age limits, and no auditions. Simply meet by the piano at 4:30 pm for a warm-up and brief rehearsal before 6:00 pm Mass.

Mark your calendar to sing with the choir for any of these Masses:

- Sunday, February 26th at 6:00 pm
- Sunday, March 19th at 6:00 pm
- Easter Sunday, April 16th at 9:00 am
- Sunday, May 21st at 6:00 pm

**Email Krista Kutz at [kmkutz@gmail.com](mailto:kmkutz@gmail.com) if you're interested in joining. All are welcome!**

## Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50)

Looking to start 2017 off with a renewed sense of purpose & belonging?



Then register today for a life-changing *Reflect* weekend retreat at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House, Mundelein, IL (in the northern suburbs), on Feb 17-19, 2017.

Take a chance and get involved... this is one New Year's resolution you won't regret! Cost is \$197 for meals and a single room

**Call (312) 532-8286,  
email [reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com),  
or visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com) for details.**

## Interested in the Catholic Faith?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which interested adults are introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life.



The RCIA process is for the unbaptized who want to join the Catholic Church; and those who have been baptized Catholic or in another Christian denomination, and want to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. Frank at (773) 528-6650.

## Food Pantry Shopping List

There are five items the Food Pantry could *really* use:

- Pasta & rice (all kinds)
- Oatmeal
- Boxed cereal
- Hearty canned soups
- Regular- and family-size deodorant & shampoo; tooth-brushes & toothpaste



**We no longer need extra-strength grocery bags.**

If you are interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry, contact Lisa Hanzelka at [lhanelka@gmail.com](mailto:lhanelka@gmail.com) or Dave Hilko at [dahilko@aol.com](mailto:dahilko@aol.com)

## Marriage Encounter Dates

"Encourage the Holy Spirit to perfect your marriage by taking part in a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend on April 7-9, 2017, June 9-11, 2017, or August 11-13, 2017, all in Elk Grove Village, Illinois.



Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at (630) 577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.



## 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal Next Weekend

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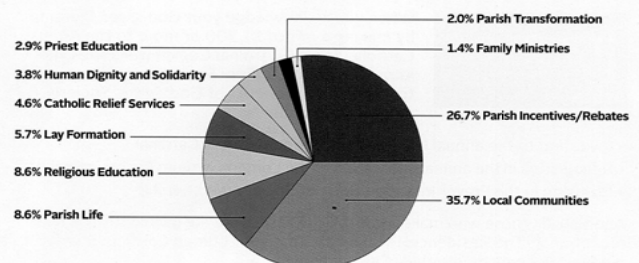
- \$ 5,000,000 *Local Communities:* support for parishes and schools serving financially challenged communities
- \$ 1,200,000 *Parish Life:* programs to support parish vitality – evangelization initiatives, liturgy enhancements
- \$ 1,200,000 *Religious Education:* support for youth, young adult, campus and adult religious education ministries
- \$ 800,000 *Lay Formation:* continuing education for lay volunteers and staff serving parish communities
- \$ 640,000 *Catholic Relief Services:* assisting the poor and vulnerable overseas
- \$ 535,000 *Human Dignity and Solidarity:* activities promoting respect for life at all stages, immigration, Kolbe House prison ministry and Peace and Justice initiatives
- \$ 400,000 *Priest Education:* continuing education for priests ordained for the Archdiocese of Chicago
- \$ 275,000 *Parish Transformation:* programs to revitalize local parish communities
- \$ 200,000 *Family Ministries:* programs for marriage preparation, marriage support and family ministry
- \$ 3,750,000 *Parish Incentives/Rebates:* funds raised in excess of individual parish goals are returned to the parish for use with their local ministries

#### \$14,000,000 Ministries Total

\$ 1,500,000 *Cost of Appeal:* design, printing, postage, production, staff and vendors who implement the Annual Catholic Appeal

#### \$15,500,000 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal Goal

*Any funds raised are carefully spent; it is money for God's work and we use it accordingly.*



### Next Men's Spirituality February 14th

Are you interested in deepening your faith life through discussion with fellow male parishioners?



The St. Teresa's Men's Spirituality Group invites you every second and fourth Tuesday at 6:30 am for prayer and conversation.

**For more details, please contact  
Matt Priesbe at [mpriesbe@aol.com](mailto:mpriesbe@aol.com).**

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## Wisdom and the Law

In today's first reading, Sirach speaks to the challenge of following the law: all we must do is choose to follow. Wouldn't it be great if it were that simple? I am reminded of someone whose solution to any problem is to say, "all you have to do is" with no regard for the big picture. There is never an offer of a solution for the problem. Most of us know life is not that simple. There are difficulties that arise due to the very nature of our humanity. When I hear the comment "all you have to do is ..." I respond with a blank stare, not out of disrespect, but because there is nothing I could say that would make a difference. Instead, I have already moved to a problem-solving mode. Often I wonder if that is how Jesus felt on occasion.

Jesus knew that there is more to following the law in one's life. In the Gospel of Matthew, he recognizes that understanding the law needs to be developed more fully. His followers are restless and questioning. He wants them to have the wisdom to appreciate the law on a deeper level. Where does the desire to kill come from? Where does it start? It starts with lust, anger, name calling, bullying, acting without love or mercy. Right relationship is derailed when there is no clear understanding of these things. Like a pebble dropped in a pond the concentric circles radiate from the center. Everything around the center (the law) is affected by the wave of each circle as



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it radiates outward. The law is not simple but instead is layered with life, humanity and the culture of the times. Choices are not made in a vacuum but instead are made in relationship.

Jesus came to fulfill the law — a law that must be perpetually deepened with growing wisdom of the time. The work of fulfilling the law is in unceasing evolution. How different that looks today in a culture that is driven by media and technology. The task of applying new wisdom gained over time in a culture that is becoming more and more diverse with new temptations, disguised as normal, requires re-

sourcefulness. Nothing is static and must always be open to new interpretation and relevance. The basic are the tried and true but the response evolves and regenerates itself with time and wisdom.

Did Jesus really mean "pluck out your eye" or did he mean divert your eyes when you know your gaze is not respectful? Did he really mean "cut off your hand" or did he mean think about of what that hand is capable? Jesus asks that we not let the laws become stumbling blocks but instead be a foundation for growth. Don't go to the altar without taking responsibility for your actions. Bring to fruition the steps that bring forth wholeness to brokenness.

The struggle with keeping the law should be taken seriously because it is the foundation of right relationship. Using that struggle helps to integrate morality and ethics into our daily lives and to build up the kingdom of God. Keeping the law is the work of mercy and love that heals. As the psalmist cries out: "Open my eyes, that I may consider the wonders of your law." The law which manifests the basic values in an ever-changing world invites us to enter into the mystery. Consider the chaos without the continual fulfillment of the laws.

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

## Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx  
Anna Althoff  
Bertel Olson  
Paolo Basil  
Justin Peters  
Luke Kolman  
Kate Lynch

Alex Lopez  
Chris Parente  
Jose Cervantes  
Mary Paz Ramirez  
Tom Micinski  
Rebecca O'Brien

## Finance Council

Jane Bronson  
Jack Halpin  
Ray Genellie  
Justin Alden

Dave Hilko  
Steve Fortino  
Becky Francis  
Andrew O'Dekirk

## Stewardship Committee

Paolo Basil  
Anastasia Bullinger  
Kelly Dean  
Lisa Marquez  
John Mitchell

Rebecca O'Brien  
Chris Parente  
Mary Serrahn  
Dan Summins  
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The Parish Pastoral Council usually meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Matt Donner is chair of the Parish Finance Council; his email is [mdonner19199@gmail.com](mailto:mdonner19199@gmail.com)

The Finance Council usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Please contact Rebecca O'Brien for information on joining the Stewardship committee; her email is [robrien@stteresaparish.org](mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org).

The Stewardship Committee meet one Thursday per month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

## Parish Transformation Committee

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Rick Blair  
Mark Buciak  
Shannon & Jonathan Clinton  
Michael Gallo  
Lisa Hanzelka  
Linda & Rob Harmer

Sara & Adam Hock  
Michael Kmec  
Jackie Koesters  
Fr. Frank Latzko  
Barbara McHugh  
Tom Micinski  
Rebecca O'Brien

**Parish Offices** are at 1950 N. Kenmore, (773) 528-6650, FAX (773) 871-6766. Hours are: 9:00 am to 7:30 pm Monday through Friday, and Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

The submission deadline for Sunday bulletins is 11:00 am on the Monday before. The bulletin is also published electronically on [st-teresa.net](http://st-teresa.net).

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## Ministry Leadership Chart

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### Evangelization

Seeking a Leader

**Our Mission** Saint Teresa of Avila Parish is a diverse Catholic community of faith that embraces everyone, without exception. We see ourselves as uniquely able to engage in dialogue with people of all faiths and act as peacemakers in our city. Challenged by the Gospel, nourished by the Eucharist and inspired by the teachings of Saint Teresa of Avila, we are called to be witnesses of Christ's Love, for the salvation of all people. We are a stewardship parish. Three percent of our operating income is shared with other missions.

## Help with Stress...

The Holbrook Center, a service of Catholic Charities, provides confidential counseling at many locations, including its newest office at Holy Name Cathedral. Licensed counselors, affordable fees, and convenient appointment times, including evenings.

The Holbrook Counseling Center is in the network with BC/BS PPO. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call at (312) 655-7725.

## For information about ...

Friday Playgroup (0-3 year-olds), Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (3-12 year-olds), The EDGE Youth Group (12-14 year-olds), or Quest Youth Group (High School)  
**Contact Kate in the Parish Office**  
[klynch@stteresaparish.org](mailto:klynch@stteresaparish.org)

## For information about ...

Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation, Mass Intentions, RCIA or Communion for the Sick  
**Contact Dean in the Parish Office**  
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## Weekend Masses

<b>Saturday</b>	5:00 pm
<i>en Français</i>	6:30 pm <sup>+</sup>
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am
<i>en Español</i>	10:30 am*
	12:00 pm
	6:00 pm

<sup>+</sup> First and third Saturdays, September through June

\* First Sundays

## Weekday Masses

7:30 am Monday through Thursday  
7:30 am Fridays Communion Service

